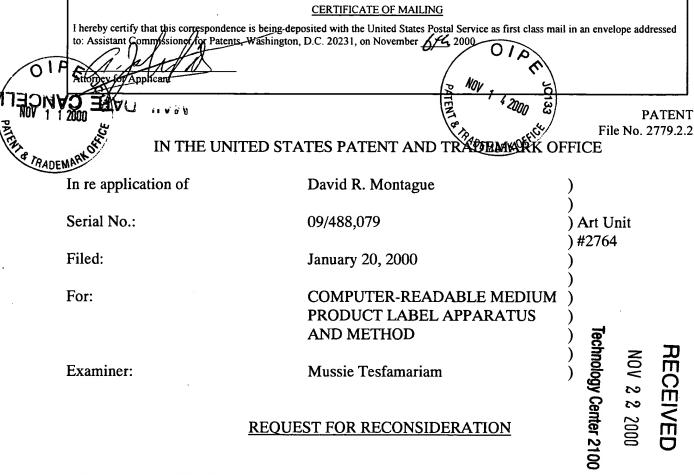
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the communication from Examiner mailed July 06, 2000 (Paper No. #3), please consider the following amendments.

<u>Remarks</u>

The Office Action mailed on July 06, 2000 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-26 are in the case. Claims 1-26 stand rejected. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 11-12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the prior art. The Examiner rejected claims 2-6, 9-10, 13, 15-17, 20, 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art. In connection with claims 5 and 6 the Examiner cites to the prior art used to reject claims 5 and 6 and uses this art to reject claims 7 and 8. Therefore, Applicant